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| In re Application of: Hironori Kanno et al. |) | |
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| Application No.: 09/244,043 |) | DECISION ON PETITION |
| Filed: February 4, 1999 |) | UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 TO |
| For: SLIDE SHOW SYSTEM AND |) | RESET PERIOD FOR REPLY |
| METHOD USING A BROWSER |) | DUE TO LATE RECEIPT |

This is a decision on the petition filed on February 1, 2002, requesting that the shortened statutory period for reply set forth in the Office communication mailed on December 31, 2001 be reset to run from the date on which the Office communication was actually received at the correspondence address of record.

Petitioner provided a statement that the Office communication in question was received at the correspondence address of record on January 29, 2002. The petition was filed within two weeks of receipt of the Office communication. Furthermore, the Office communication was mailed between October 13, 2001 and January 2, 2002, when delivery of mail from the Office to certain regions of the country was delayed.

However, because less than 1 month of a 3 month Shortened statutory period elapsed between mailing and receipt, a substantial portion of the set reply period had not elapsed on the date of receipt Accordingly, the petition is **DISMISSED**.

The application file is being forwarded to Central Files to await Applicant's response to the Office action of December 31, 2001.

Any request for reconsideration must be filed within two months of the mailing date of this decision.

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